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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 55-41077, published March 22, 1980.
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-215162, published August 6, 1999.
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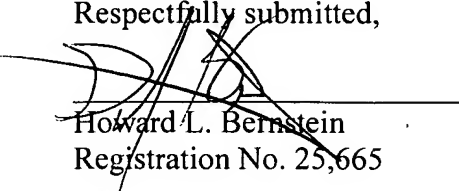
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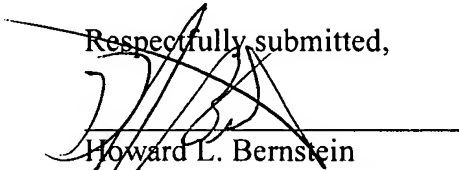
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